

**TOWN OF MORNINGSIDE  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Bennard Cann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Wade.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Cann – Present

Vice Mayor Wade – Present

Council Member Anthony –Excused

Council Member Fowler – Present

Council Member Mullins – Present

Police Dept – Chief Stevenson – Present

Town Admin – Regina Foster – Present

Public Works - Mike Johnson - Absent

MVFD – Assistant Chief McKnight - Present

**MOTION TO EXCUSE**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to excuse Council Member Anthony from tonight meeting. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried*

**INTRODUCTIONS** - None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2022 (with corrections) and Work Session on July 12, 2022. Discussion: Council Member Fowler would like to re-visit the 4<sup>th</sup> of July expenditures and revenue. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM**

- Mr. James Ealey – Thanked Mr. Mullins and the Town for the invitation for participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. He was deeply honored.

**INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

– None

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- Police Department – Chief Stevenson gave an oral report & information on an Armed Robbery July 16, 2022.
- Public Works – Mike Johnson prepared a written report that was read by Mayor Cann.
- Admin – Regina Foster gave an oral report.
- Code – Regina Foster gave an oral report.
- MVFD Assistant Chief McKnight gave an oral report.
- Council Member Mullins – gave an oral report.
- Council Member Fowler gave an oral report.
- Vice Mayor Wade – Nothing at this time.
- Mayor Cann – gave an oral report.

Mayor Cann opened the floor to the public, no one chose to speak at this time.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

- Council Member Fowler gave an update on the upcoming event.
- Many items have been secured – Dunk Tank, Food, Give-a-Ways, etc.
- Next Meeting will be Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 6:30pm.

### **BURCH CONTRACT**

- Mayor Cann advised that the signed contract has been received and is in effect.
- Effective July 1, 2022 Burch will reimburse the town \$26.00 per damaged cart. This reimbursement will be paid by Burch at the end of the month.
- The town will put out RFPs and revisit in October 2021.

### **HILL TOP SIGNS**

- Mayor and Council reviewed the drawings and decided to go with Job # 9649 Drawing # 2 Illuminated Contour Cabinet w/Translucent Vinyl Graphics (brick Tower) for all 3 units.

***Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to purchase 3 Illuminated Contour Cabinet w/Translucent Vinyl Graphics (brick Tower). No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

## **THOMAS MICHAEL LLC**

- Mayor and Council agreed to extend the term of the agreement for an additional year, term date will be June 30, 2023.

***Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to extend the contract for another year expiring on June 30, 2023. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

## **UBS**

- Mayor Cann read report and advised that ARPA Funds are included in the total.

## **COMMUNICATION CALENDAR**

- Mayor Cann asked that National Night Out and all events be included on the calendar.

## **DUAL WHEEL EXEMPTION**

- Dual Wheel Exemption was requested for a wheel lift tow truck.
- Owner provided the current registration.

***Motion by Council Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Mayor Wade to grant the request. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRANT TRAINING COURSE**

- Sgt. Szmidt attended a Grant Training session on June 22, 2022
- The cost for the Course was \$595.00
- Mayor Cann advised moving forward all training will be approved by the council prior to attending.

***Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to reimburse the total cost back to Sgt. Szmidt. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **ECOMIC DEVELOPMENT 101**

- Mayor and Council reviewed option for training.

***Motion by Vice Mayor Wade, seconded by Council Member Fowler to purchase the 59 minutes video and Course workbook for \$277.00. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.***

### **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

- Mayor and Council decided that no action will be taken at this time.

### **STREET STRIPING**

- Table until August meeting.

### **ANNEXATION**

- Mayor Cann advised that he is in the beginning stages of gathering information to possibly incorporating other parts of Suitland Road into the Town.

### **PUBLIC WORKS FORD TRUCK**

- Vice Mayor Wade advised Council that the truck is in need of repairs and is scheduled for an estimate on July 20, 2022.

### **PAY THE BILLS**

*Motion by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Fowler to pay the bills for the month for June 22, 2022 – July 14, 2022 in the amount of \$152,178.90. No further discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.*

### **OPEN FOURM**

- No one signed in to speak.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Foster  
Administrative Associate